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Conservation and Development of Forests

Progress Report by the Secretary-General of the Conference

Corrigendum

Replace page 6 of document A/CONF.151/PC/27 by the attached table.

TABLE 1 - AREAS OF FORESTS AT END 1980
BY CONTINENTS AND MAIN ECOLOGICAL ZONES
(In million hectares and in percent of land areas)

SOURCE: FAO 1991

ECOLOGICAL ZONES	CONTINENTS (with related islands)	Africa	America	Asia (without part of USSR) ^{a/}	Pacific	Europe (including whole of USSR)	TOTAL
b/ BOREAL COUNTRIES	Number of countries/territories	0	2	0	0	4	6
	Total (boreal) land area	0	910	0	0	1280	2190
	Total population (in millions)	0	4	0	0	39	43
TEMPERATE COUNTRIES/ TERRITORIES (including MEDITERRANEAN and SUB-TEMPERATE)	(Boreal) [in millions ha]	0	203	0	0	717	920
	Forest area [in percent of (boreal) land area]	0	22.3%	0	0	56.0%	42%
	Number of countries/territories	10	11 ^{c/}	22	3	32 ^{c/}	78 ^{c/}
TROPICAL COUNTRIES/ TERRITORIES	Total (non-boreal) land area	727.3	1331.1	1755.9	788.5	1420	6023
	Total population (in millions)	119.6	290.4	1316.2	17.9	710.8	2454.9
	(Non-boreal) [in million ha]	8.1	310.8	188.4	48.7	211.5	767.4
ALL COUNTRIES/ TERRITORIES	Forest area	701.2	889.8	303.4	42.6	0	1937
	[in percent of land area]	31.3%	53.9%	33.7%	78.6%	0	40.0%
	Number of countries/territories	56	50	44	24	32	206
ALL COUNTRIES/ TERRITORIES	Total land area	2944.6	3892.7	2677.3	842.9	2700	13077.5
	Total population in millions	479.5	613.3	2583.3	22.9	749.8	4448.8
	Forest area	709.3	1403.6	491.8	91.3	928.5	3624.7
	[in percent of land area]	23.9%	36.0%	18.4%	10.8%	34.4%	27.7%

a/ Asia includes the Middle and Near East.

b/ Six countries are classified as "boreal" because they have forests in the boreal zone (Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden, USA and USSR). Greenland and Antarctic territories, which have no forests, are not included.

c/ Including the six countries classified as boreal, which all have temperate forests.